

Application No. 09/783,996  
Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application. Claims 29-37 have been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Advisory Action, it was noted the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 filed on May 7, 2003 was disapproved because "by removing block number 29, the changes constitute an introduction of new matter."

However, the removal of the block number 29 in Figures 4 and 10, the cancellation of Figure 11B and the corresponding changes in the specification have been made because these figures and portions relate to the far field optical system and not the claimed near field optical system. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the removal of these features do not add new matter.

In addition, new Claims 29-37 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope and Applicants submit the new claims are supported by the originally filed specification. In particular, new Claims 29-37 are similar to Claims 1-9, but have been drafted to not use means-plus-function terminology. It is respectfully submitted these claims are allowable for similar reasons as the original claims.

The Abstract has also been amended to remove the reference numerals recited therein. The specification has also been amended to remove references to the claims and to correspond with the changes made in the drawings. No new matter has been added.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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